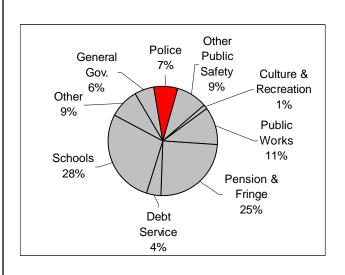
FY08 SOMERVILLE BUDGET HEARINGS

Police Department

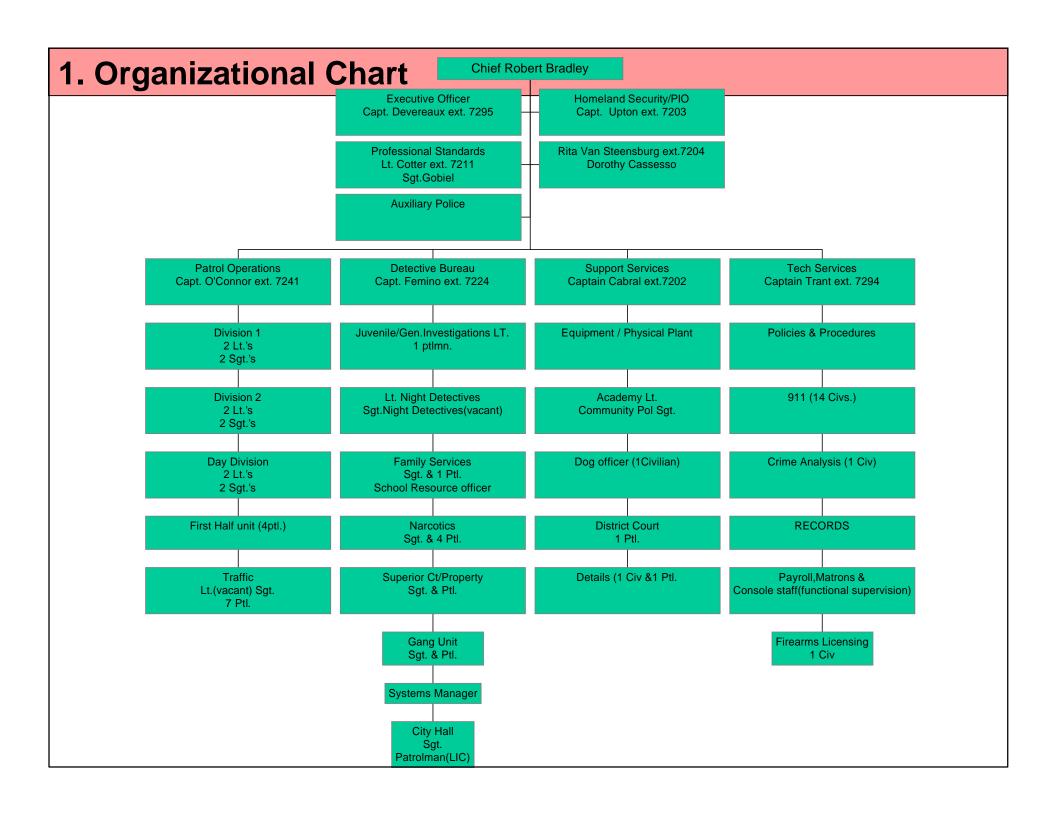
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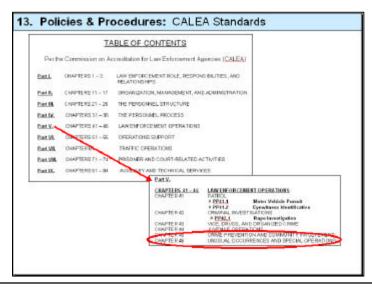
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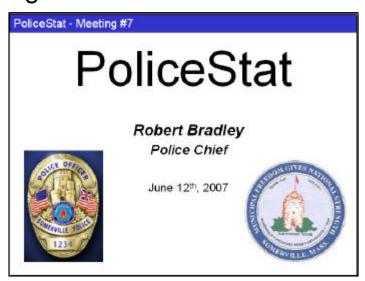




2. FY07 Budget Goal Review: Management

- Continued revamping of Policies and Procedures
 - Use of force, Vehicle pursuit, Arrest, General Investigations, and Rape investigation currently being taught in the recruit academy and in trainings.
 - Implemented a "Continuum of Force" policy that includes updated policies on physical force, chemical sprays, baton, shotgun and sidearm into one comprehensive policy.
- Implementing a 'written directive system' to codify Memoranda, General orders and Special orders.
- Instituted internal PoliceStat meetings.





3. FY07 Budget Goal Review: Reorganization

- Promoted 4 sergeants, 5 lieutenants and 3 captains and hired 7 new patrol officers in keeping with a plan of full command staffing as an initial phase of the department's neighborhood policing proposal.
- Conducted monthly meetings with the Human Rights Commissioner and Multicultural Director.

Conducted quarterly meetings with immigrant and civil rights groups.

 In collaboration with community groups, completed a redesign of the SPD badge to include each officer's unique identification number.



4. FY07 Budget Goal Review: Training

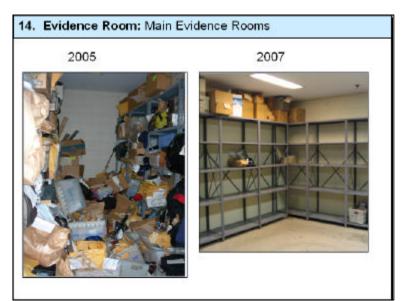
- Conducted a comprehensive in-service training program (Including: Firearms Qualification, C.P.R., First Responder, Legal Updates, Civil Rights, Racial Profiling, Racial Sensitivity and Domestic Violence.)
- Involved community voices in training (Representatives from the Human Rights Commission, Multicultural Commission and Woman's Commission addressed officers)
- Officers received additional outside training

Outside Training Received

- 5 Supervisors attended the Massachusetts Police Leadership Institute
- 8 Supervisors attended the Incident Command System 300 Course
- 3 Sergeants attended a Supervisory Course conducted by the Municipal Police Training Committee
- 2 Supervisors attended a Background Investigations Course
- 5 Detectives attended an intensive three-day Homicide Course
- 8 Detectives attended the nationally recognized Reid Interview and Interrogation Course
- 1 Detective and 1 Fireman will attend an Arson Investigation Course at St. Anslem's College and become the City's Arson Investigation team.

5. FY07 Budget Goal Review: Equipment and Resources

- Purged old evidence in Property Room, began the process of instituting a bar coding system for new evidence, and completed and distributed a new evidence policy.
- Updated emergency 911 call taking capabilities including mapping and recognition of cell phone calls as well as full training of 911 staff and administrators on new equipment.
- Received donated gym equipment from Tufts University.
- Replaced 3 aging police motorcycles with 4 state of the art Harley Davidson's emblazoned with our new badge.





6. FY07 Budget Goal Review: Emergency Operation Center

- Established a state of the art Emergency Operation Center
 - Funded through Homeland Security appropriations (\$400,000) and supported by the Urban Area Security Initiative.
 - The EOC will be activated for any emergency that the City of Somerville may encounter.
 - All labor and installations are the responsibility of the granting authority and all equipment will be housed in the Somerville Police Academy.

7. FY08 Budget Goals

Sick Time and Disability Use

• Continue to aggressively monitor sick time and disability usage through use of the CBA, City ordinance *Article 10 Sec. 7*, third party claims administrator, Meditrol, and implementation of new attendance software.

Civilianize Positions

• Civilianize police positions that do not require sworn and trained officers such as the records bureau.

Deter Youth Violence and Gang Activities

 Continue to participate in the Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Regional Grant.

Work toward implementing Neighborhood Policing

- Continue to work on a reorganization plan that includes geographic substations to enhance the safety and well being of the community at large.
 - Continue to hire officers as mandated by the Police Advisory Group recommendations as we move toward a full neighborhood policing model.
 - Decentralize police headquarters into at least 2 substations

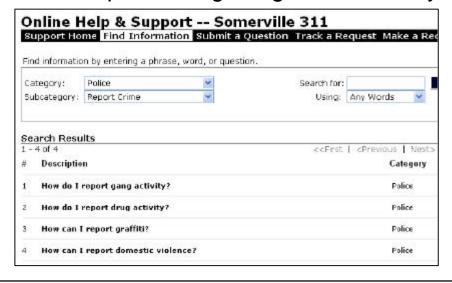
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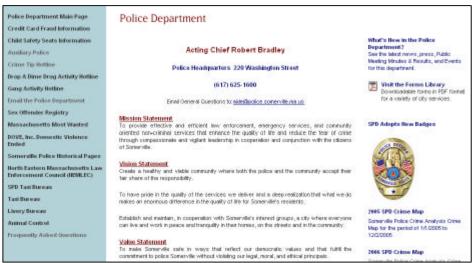
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In FY07 the SPD met the ACE goals by:

- Improving the Department's Website
- Adding FAQs and subcategories of FAQs to the 311 Knowledge database
- Implementing a policy by which Detectives contact all victims of crime within 24 hours of the initial report
- Implementing badges that identify officers





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In FY08 the SPD will strive to meet the ACE goals by:

- On-going improvement to the Department's Website
- Building out the FAQs and subcategories of FAQs in the 311 Knowledge database
- Moving toward reorganization which will increase community policing
- Redesigning a new complaint/commendation form with input from community groups to be placed on the website and translated into other languages